

FAÇADE GRANT FAQ

Q: Can I use a façade grant for my home?

A: No, the program at this time is only for commercial and mixed use properties.

Q: Can I use a façade grant on my apartment building/duplex?

A: No, the program at this time for non-residential properties except for a mixed use property having a commercial use on the first floor, and a residence as well.

Q: Can I use a façade grant for landscaping?

A: Yes, as long as the scope of work meets the requirements set forth in the guidelines.

Q: Can I use a façade grant for signage?

A: Yes as long as the signage is permanently affixed to the building and meets all design review requirements.

Q: Do I have to bid out the work? Do I have to use the lowest bid?

A: There must be three bids obtained and presented to the design committee. The grant will be based on the lowest bid. Should the awardee choose a higher bid, awardees will pay the difference out of awardees' own funds.

Q: Can I use the façade grant for floor covering and interior painting?

A: No the façade grant is specifically to address exterior features.

Q: Will I get a lump sum check for my grant?

A: No, the program is a reimbursement grant with draws made with receipts and statements from contractors showing work is completed, or materials purchased.

Q: Can I apply for more than one grant?

A: Yes but only one grant is awarded to a project in one year's grant cycle and a maximum of \$50000 per project per 5 year period. New projects take precedence over previous awarded projects.

Q: Can I use a façade grant to build a new building/addition?

A: Only if the existing façade is addressed with grant funds.

Q: Can I use a façade grant for my church?

A: Only if the façade being addressed is on part of the building not used for worship or other religious activities (i.e. a gym).

Q: I have already started to remove some siding on my building; can I get a façade grant for the rest of the project?

A: No, no work can be started prior to application.

Q: I lease my business space; can I use a façade grant even though I don't own the building?

A: Yes with written consent for the work to be done given by the owner of the property.